STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



Emergency Executive Order 11-24

Declaring an Emergency and Providing Assistance for Search and Rescue

I, Mark Dayton, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, including Minnesota Statutes 2010, Chapter 12, do hereby issue this Emergency Executive Order:

Whereas, on Tuesday, August 2, 2011, a 13 year-old boy dove into the water at a popular swimming area called "The Deeps" within the Lester River Basin and was pulled under and swept away by the raging waters; and

Whereas, the Lester River at the time of the incident was especially high and fast due to the heavy rains in the area; and

Whereas, the St. Louis County Sheriff has conducted search and rescue operations with assistance from the surrounding counties, Douglas County, Wisconsin, and the United States Coast Guard; and

Whereas, the St. Louis County Sheriff has requested the use of the Minnesota National Guard to support the search and rescue operation along the Lester River;

Now, Therefore, I hereby declare an emergency and order that:

- 1. On or about August 6, 2011, the Adjutant General of Minnesota shall order to state active duty, in the service of the state, such personnel and equipment of the military forces of the state as required to provide assistance in responding to the emergency and in providing emergency relief services.
- 2. The Adjutant General is authorized to purchase, lease, or contract for goods and services necessary to accomplish the mission.

3. The cost of subsistence, transportation, fuel, pay, and allowances of said individuals shall be paid, as provided for in Minnesota Statutes, sections 192.49, 192.52, and 192.54.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 4.035, subdivision 2, this Emergency Order is effective immediately and must be filed with the Secretary of State and published in the State Register as soon as possible after its issuance and will remain in effect until the conclusion of the emergency.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 6th day of August, 2011.

Mark Dayton Governor

Filed According to Law:

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